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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CIES REPRESENTATIVES

1. CIES REPS VERY DISAPPOINTED BY SCHEDULING DIFFICUL-TIES ENCOUNTERED IN ARRANGING VISIT TO USSR. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF MOSCOW 14344 WELCOMING VISIT IN EARLY NOVEMBER, CIES REPS WENT TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO CLEAR THEIR CALENDARS FOR VISIT AT THAT TIME. ARRIVAL DATE NOVEM-BER 11 PROPOSED IN MOST RECENT EMBASSY CABLE (MOSCOW 264061) WOULD PROVIDE FOR VISIT OF ONLY 4-5 WORKING DAYS BEFORE GROUP MUST DEPART NOVEMBER 17. PREVIOUS EMBASSY CABLE SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY OF APPOINTMENTS BEGINNING AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 9 WOULD ADD TWO WORKING DAYS TO VISIT THUS ALLOWING REGRETTABLY ABBREVIATED BUT STILL WORTHWHILE SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS. CAN EMBASSY REVERT TO NOVEMBER 9 SCHEDULE IF GROUP ARRIVES SAME DAY. CIES BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT VISIT BEGIN IN MOSCOW IN ORDER THAT CENTRAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND MHE OFFICIALS PAVE WAY FOR MEETINGS IN LENINGRAD AND OTHER CITIES.

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2. IF EMBASSY UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE CIES REPS AT THIS

TIME, IT WILL MOST LIKELY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO RESCHEDULE VISIT DURING CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR. FURTHERMORE, POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING CHAIRMAN OF AREA ADVISORY

COMMITTEE BOEKLEHEIDE AND NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CIES WILBURN IN GROUP, AS AT PRESENT, ON RESCHEDULED VISIT PRACTICALLY NIL. AS MEMBER OF US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, BOEKLEHEIDE PRESENCE AT MEETINGS WITH SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCE DEEMED EXTREMELY IMPORTANT BY CIES. THUS WE BELIEVE LECTURER EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND EMBASSY WILL BE MISSING VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY IF VISIT AT THIS TIME FALLS THROUGH.

3. WHILE WE REALIZE THAT EMBASSY HAS OTHER HIGH-LEVEL VISITS SCHEDULED FOR THIS PERIOD, WE WOULD HOPE THAT EXTRA EFFORT COULD BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE THIS DELEGATION WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FULBRIGHT LECTURER PROGRAM, DESIGNATED AS NUMBER ONE PRIORITY PROGRAM IN THE EMBASSY'S CU COUNTRY PROGRAM MEMORANDUM. A CIES VISIT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM FOR EXPANDING THE LECTURER EXCHANGE, IN WHICH THE SOVIETS EXPRESSED HIGH INTEREST AT THE EXCHANGE TALKS IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK. IF THIS VISIT MUST BE DEFERRED WE MAY HAVE LOST ANOTHER YEAR IN THIS EFFORT. ROBINSON

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